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Dear Sir:

The following information is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 in accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. This submission is not an admission that the documents cited herein are prior art as to the invention claimed. In accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97(g)-(h), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that other material information as defined by 37 CFR §1.56(a) exists.

Applicants submit herewith Form PTO-1449 listing the references known to them. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner (1) initial each reference listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the Examiner has considered and made those references of record in this application and (2) return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants.

Documents listed in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in an International Search Report, dated March 13, 2005, issued in connection with counterpart PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/036895. A copy of said International Search Report and those references cited therein are enclosed. Reference FR2820630 is not in the English language. If the Examiner requires a translation of this reference, please contact the undersigned.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the first Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a final action or a notice of allowance. Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount necessary to cover the cost of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is provided in the Transmittal Letter, submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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